

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II  
Mr. Harry R. Hamilton, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV  
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

**MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Oconee County Council met Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

**Press:**

Members of the press notified (by mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, Daily Journal, WYFF TV, WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Amanda Rylander - Daily Journal, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio & Dave Williams - Anderson Independent.

**Other Organizations Notified:**

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

**Call to Order:**

Supervisor-Chair Hughes called the meeting to order.

**Invocation:**

Mr. Hamilton gave the invocation.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 3, 2002 be adopted as printed.

**Industry Proclamation:**

The Honorable Daniel Alexander, Mayor of Seneca, The Honorable Bill Whitmire, Mayor of Walhalla, The Honorable Dorothy Gibson, Mayor of West Union and the Honorable Vera Duke, Mayor of Westminster and Supervisor-Chair Hughes signed proclamations declaring September 23 - 27, 2002 as "Industry Appreciation Week". Mr. Moore read the proclamation of the Town of Salem in the absence of Mayor Coward.

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**Comprehensive Economic Development Letter:**

Upon request of Mr. Shawn Colin of the SC Appalachian Council of Governments, Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that the attached letter concurring with the plans and objectives regarding economic development be adopted and sent to Mr. Bob Strother, Director, SCACOG if Council makes no suggested changes by Friday, September 20, 2002.

**Humane Society:**

Ms. Bridgette Winkler of the Humane Society addressed Council regarding their not being able to dispose of litter at the landfill after the week ending September 20. Ms. Winkler informed Council that Waste Management will place a container at the Humane Society and collect the waste once a week for \$90.00 per month.

Upon inquiry from Council Ms. Melissa Grant, Solid Waste Director informed Council their equipment was not designed to handle fecal matter.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 - 0 that the matter be tabled until Ms. Grant could discuss with someone from the Waste Management the possibility of their collecting this waste as a part of the present contract we have with them.

**Newwy Project:**

Upon request of Mr. Robert Banks, County Engineer, Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that the \$75,971.70 left in the Newwy Grant funds be expended as follows:

- \$ 5,310.59 Water meter box upgrade
- \$ 7,545.62 Lift Station telemetry
- \$ 225.85 Moving of two air release valves
- \$ 1,440.00 Installing Cross-Tie Well
- \$ 3,507.75 Three new air/vacuum valves
- TOTAL: \$18,019.81

- \$52,921.89 Construction continuation
  - Generators
  - Survey

Please see attached from Goldie & Associates.

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**Airport Fencing:**

Upon recommendation of Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director & Mr. Robert Banks, Airport Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for fencing at the airport be awarded to Manor Builders Supply who was low bid at \$89,280.00. (See attached bid sheet)

**Telecommunications got Courthouse:**

Upon recommendation of Ms. Dillard & Mr. Carl Hayden, IT Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for telecommunications equipment for the new courthouse be awarded to QSI1 at a cost of \$97,892.05. (See attached bid sheet)

**Human Resources (Contingency):**

Upon request of Mrs. Lombard, Finance Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that \$2,000 be taken from contingency and placed in the Human Resources School/Seminars/Training line item.

**Airport (Contingency):**

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that \$2,000 be taken from contingency for a temporary employee at the airport due to the illness of an employee in that department.

**Corps of Engineers Contracts:**

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that License No. DACW21-3-02-54852 Oconee County, SC Hartwell Reservoir Project, GA/SC for dry hydrants be adopted.

**Budget & Finance Committee Meet:**

The Budget & Finance Committee scheduled a meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2002 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing management practices for credit ratings.

**Commission Appointment:**

Mrs. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 - 0 that Ms. Rose Cashin be appointed as the at large member on the Arts & Historical Commission.

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**Parks, Recreation & Tourism:**

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that the attached recommendation that \$3,360 be taken from line item 010 202 30901 and given to the Tamassee-Salem Recreation Department be adopted.

**Courthouse:**

Mr. Moore requested a report from Environmental Services regarding rodent control in the courthouse.

**Roads & Transportation:**

The Roads & Transportation Committee scheduled a meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2002 at 4:30 in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing several roadway issues.

**Vehicle Report:**

Mr. Ables also requested a report on the tracking system purchased several months ago.

**Humane Society (Contingency):**

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that funds be taken from contingency and effective September 23, 2002, the Humane Society contract with Waste Management for three months at \$90.00 per month for disposal of litter and the matter be reviewed again at the retreat to be held by Council.

**Public Comment Session:**

Mr. B. J. Littleton expressed his opinion regarding the litter problem at the Humane Society and Rocky Gap Road.

Mr. David McMahan presented the attached to Council regarding the proposed county flag and asked that Council take a vote on the flag.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters.

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**Open Session:**

**Infrastructure Plan:**

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Hamilton had left at this time) that \$160,000 be taken from the miscellaneous capital improvement line item to fund the remaining costs of the infrastructure plan.

**Rocky Gap Roadway:**

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 - 0 that \$52,800 in the Road Department operational be used for a design for Rocky Gap Road.

**Adjourn:**

Adjourn: 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green  
Council Clerk